IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP NO.19238 of 2006

DATE OF DECISION: December 5, 2006

Taar Balbir Singh

….Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and another

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Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINEY MITTAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. BHALLA

PRESENT: Shri Ranjan Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Viney Mittal,J.(Oral).

The petitioner has approached this Court challenging the communication dated August 10,2006 (Annexure P.2), whereby the Regional Passport Officer, Chandigarh has refused to accept the request of the petitioner for the change of his date of birth as September 18, 1950 by observing that the petitioner should get a declaration from a Civil Court. According to the petitioner, the aforesaid observation is not justified in requiring a declaration from the court of competent jurisdiction with regard to the date of birth of the petitioner.

After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner and taking into consideration the averments made in the present petition, we are satisfied that the order passed by the Regional Passport Officer (Annexure P.2) is wholly justified.

Concededly, when an earlier passport was issued to the petitioner, he had given his date of birth as November 19, 1952. However, while applying for a fresh passport, after the expiry of original passport, the petitioner gave his date of birth as September 18,1950. In these circumstances, the competent authorities is wholly justified in requiring a declaration from the court of competent jurisdiction with regard to the date of birth of the petitioner.

Dismissed.

(Viney Mittal)
Judge

December 5, 2006
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(H.S. Bhalla)
Judge